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For: TONER SUPPLY CONTAINER) May 30, 2003
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FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed. The concise explanation of relevance of this non-English language document is found in the Abstract in corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,307,129, cited in the May 14, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement.

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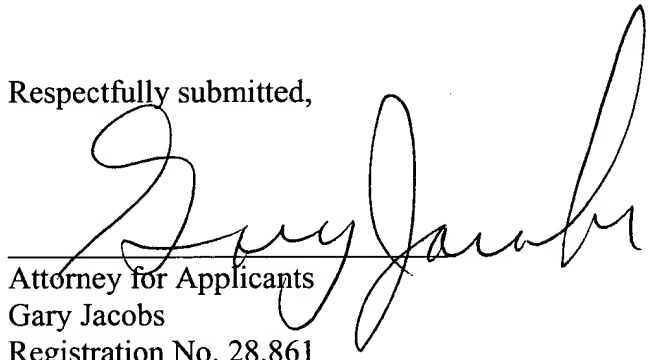
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Enclosed is a check for the required fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).

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